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SUBJECT: SMITH'S WARNING TO KAUNDA OF POSSIBLE
PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK
LISBON FOR A LAKE, S/P WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY
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1. WE ARE SENDING YOU IN SEPARATE TELEGRAMS COPIES
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S
LETTER, AS WELL AS OUR APPROACH TO SMITH AND THE SOUTH
AFRICANS WARNING SMITH NOT TO STRIKE AGAINST ZAMBIA.
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO FCO (ROWLANDS
OR GRAHAM) THE SUBSTANCE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE
TO KAUNDA. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO THE BRITISH THAT

WE BELIEVE SMITH IS SEEKING TO INHIBIT THE GUERRILLAS,
AND ZAMBIA'S SUPPORT OF THEM, THROUGH THIS THREAT OF
ATTACK, AND TO ENLIST THE US AND UK IN THE PROCESS.

2. YOU SHOULD GIVE THE FCO A COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
INSTRUCTION TO CAPE TOWN, NOTING THAT WE HAVE WARNED
SMITH, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, AGAINST SUCH PREEMPTIVE
STRIKES AND HAVE SOUGHT TO ENLIST SOUTH AFRICAN
REINFORCEMENT OF THIS POSITION WITH HIM.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS TO THE FCO THE DEPARTMENT'S
BELIEF THAT THE US AND UK MUST COORDINATE CLOSELY
OUR HANDLING OF SUCH MATTERS AS WE MOVE INTO INTENSIVE,
JOINT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE VARIOUS RHODESIAN PARTIES.
CHRISTOPHER

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